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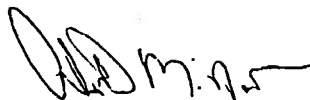
1. U.S. Patent No. 6,008,338, issued December 28, 1999; and
2. Provencio, I. et al., Melanopsin: An opsin in Melanophores, Brain and Eye, *Proc. Ntl. Acad. Sci.*, January 1998, Vol 95, pages 340-345.

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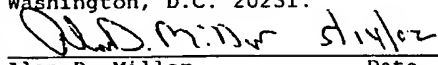
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